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Security Council

10:00 — 7152nd meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan

   Special report of the Secretary-General on the review of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (S/2014/138)

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Middle East (Syria) (S/2014/220)

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 7152nd meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Informal informal consultations (closed) on the modalities for the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society will be held on Monday, 7 April 2014, at 15:00, in the Trusteeship Counci. Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 27 March 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

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General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session
Economic and Social Council
2014 session

The General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Joint Thematic Debate/ Forum on partnerships on "The role of partnerships in the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda" will be held on Wednesday, 9 and Thursday, 10 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 14 March 2014 was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Updated information on the event is available on the website of the President of the General Assembly and the website of the Economic and Social Council.

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Tenth session

10:00 to 13:00 — 7th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 1 (CB)

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

Indicative debate on consolidation of focus areas, focusing on possible goals and targets: Sustainable cities and human settlements; Promote sustainable consumption and production; and Climate

15:00 to 18:00 — 8th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 1 (CB)

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

Indicative debate on consolidation of focus areas, focusing on possible goals and targets: Conservation and sustainable use of marine resources, oceans and seas; and Ecosystems and biodiversity

[The Co-Chairs of the Open Working Group, His Excellency Macharia Kamau (Kenya) and His Excellency Csaba Kőrösi (Hungary), have circulated in a letter dated 18 March 2014, the focus areas document with interlinkages in the annex. To view the letter, please *click here.* To download the attachments to the letter, please *click here* for the focus areas document and for the annex *click here.*

The agenda of the Open Working Group, adopted on 14 March 2013, is contained in document A/AC.280/2013/1.

For further information, including the draft programme of work, please *click here.*]

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

10:00 to 13:00	5th meeting	Conference Room 2 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	6th meeting	Conference Room 2 (CB)

Consideration, in order to prepare for the decision to be taken at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, of the scope, parameters and feasibility of an international instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, within the mandate established by the Assembly in its resolution 66/231 and in the light of resolution 67/78, with a view to making recommendations to the Assembly [item 5] *(continued)*

[The list of side events scheduled to be held during the Meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group VI (Security interests)
Twenty-fifth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (CB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

09:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)

1. United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)
2. Executive meeting

Security Council

Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Population and Development
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft proposals of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chairs-designate, Ms. Nino Shekriladze (Georgia) and Mr. Jens Ole Bach Hansen (Denmark), on behalf of the Chair, His Excellency Gonzalo Koncke (Uruguay), will be held *today,* 3 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Other meetings

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Thursday, 3 April 2014

Group of 77 (on Oceans and the Law of the Sea matters)

09:00 to 10:00 Closed meeting Conference Room C (CB)

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Population and Development)

09:00 to 10:00 Closed meeting Conference Room D (CB)

Non-Aligned Movement (on draft final document of the Algiers Ministerial Conference) (on Africa) (at the expert level)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (622 Third Avenue, 34th floor)

Non-Aligned Movement (on draft final document of the Algiers Ministerial Conference) (on Asia) (at the expert level)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (622 Third Avenue, 34th floor)

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9 (CB)

Other activities

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Thursday, 3 April 2014

Special events on the occasion of the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (4 April) (A/RES/60/97) (organized by the United Nations Mine Action Service)

Panel discussion on "Colombia: Keeping up the Momentum"

From 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Lee Woodyear, United Nations Mine Action Service (email woodyear@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-0200).]

Presentation on "Afghanistan – 2023 Mine Free"

From 13:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Lee Woodyear, United Nations Mine Action Service (e-mail woodyear@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-0200).]

Briefing on "Education for global citizenship" (organized by the NGO Relations Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

From 11:00 to 12:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). [webcast]

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section, DPI (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Panel discussion on "Women, drug policy and incarceration in the Americas" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Uruguay, in collaboration with the Inter-American Commission of Women, the Organization of American States, the International Drug Policy Consortium, the Harm Reduction Coalition and the Washington Office on Latin America)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Silvana Della Gatta, Permanent Mission of Uruguay (e-mail uruguay@urudeleg.org; tel. 1 (212) 752-8240).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 3 April 2014

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 4 April 2014

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

15:00 3rd meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

[Letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 1 April 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

For an updated tentative schedule of General Assembly plenary meetings, please *click here*.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-15 September 2014). Meetings will be announced in the Journal when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

The agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251 (see A/68/252 for allocation of items). Annotations can be found in documents A/68/100 and A/68/100/Add.1. The revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-eighth session was issued on 24 October 2013 in document A/INF/68/3/Rev.1.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/68/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
2014 substantive session

The 2014 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 25 April 2014. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Tenth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/71 of 9 December 2013, the tenth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held on Monday, 7, and Tuesday, 8 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB). Pursuant to paragraph 39 of the resolution, States, and entities that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are invited to attend as observers.

The Informal Consultations will consider, inter alia, regional, subregional and global implementation of the Agreement and initial preparatory work for the resumption of the Review Conference. Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Informal Consultations to the Division *by Friday, 4 April 2014* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

The list of side events, as well as other relevant information on the Informal Consultations, is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs *(click here)*.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 360th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Tuesday, 8 April 2014, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Mr. Ziad Abuzayyad and Mr. Hillel Schenker, co-editors of the Palestine-Israel Journal, will brief the Committee on the situation in East Jerusalem.

All permanent missions, permanent observer missions and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. The meeting will be open to the media.

Preparatory Committee for the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/238 of 27 December 2013, the Preparatory Committee will hold its inter-sessional meeting from Monday, 21, to Friday, 25 April 2014, in Conference Room 2 (CB), to discuss the thematic areas of the outcome document of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States.

The Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee, Her Excellency Karen Tan (Singapore), and His Excellency Phillip Taula (New Zealand), have circulated in a letter dated 14 March 2014 to all members of the Preparatory Committee, the zero draft outcome document of the Conference, which will be the basis of discussions at the inter-sessional meeting. Member States are invited to send their written comments to the Secretariat *by Friday, 11 April 2014*, in order for the Secretariat to circulate by Thursday, 17 April 2014, a compilation document reflecting comments and revisions received in advance of the inter-sessional meeting. To view the letter, please *click here*. To download the zero draft outcome document please *click here*.

Additional information on the Preparatory Committee is available from the Conference website: www.sids2014.org.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fourth session at Headquarters from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 June 2014.

The attention of any Member State intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member State to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 16 May 2014*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member State intending to submit such a plan is also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

The Chair of Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will hold an open briefing on Friday, 25 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB). Mr. Ronald Noble, Secretary-General of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and

Mr. Raymond Benjamin, Secretary-General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), will make statements on traveler-identification and travel-document security. Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), will also make a statement regarding the terrorism prevention activities of UNODC. The speakers will address questions and comments from the floor. All Member States are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Xing, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) (e-mail xing@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1809).

Economic and Social Council

2014 session

Special high-level meeting with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (14-15 April 2014)

The special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will take place on Monday, 14 April, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, and on Tuesday, 15 April, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The high-level meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria).

The overall theme of the meeting will be "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda".

On Monday, 14 April, in the morning, there will be a Ministerial segment, with Ministers of Finance, Development Cooperation and Foreign Affairs and Governors of Central Banks, on *theme 1* "World economic situation and prospects", to be followed by an interactive discussion, as well as statements by the heads of relevant intergovernmental bodies and senior officials of the major institutional stakeholders. In the afternoon, there will be two consecutive interactive thematic debates of the whole, as follows:

Thematic debate on *theme 2:* "Mobilization of financial resources and their effective use for sustainable development" (from 15:00 to 16:30); and

Thematic debate on *theme 3:* "Global partnership for sustainable development in the context of the post-2015 development agenda" (from 16:30 to 18:00).

On Tuesday, 15 April, the half-day session in the morning will focus on the way forward, in the form of a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the themes of the meeting, from 10:00 to 13:00.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon, e-mail leonc@un.org; room S-1284), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (Ms. Anna Alfonso, e-mail alfonso@un.org; room DC2-2162).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the two thematic debates, will be a free-flowing interactive discussion and will therefore have *no list of speakers in*

advance. The time limit per intervention will be *three minutes*, but full texts of statements may be circulated in written form (300 copies will be required).

For more information, please contact Mr. Gregory Dubois (e-mail duboisg@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5435); or *click here*.

Coordination and management meeting (23-25 April 2014)

The coordination and management meeting to be held in April 2014 and chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will take place from Wednesday, 23 to Friday, 25 April, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), to hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of the Council's subsidiary bodies and to consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 regular session (E/2014/32 (Part I)).

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2014/2/Add.1.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 11 April 2014*. Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups for the current month wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Radhika Ochalik and Ms. Celia Syyap, at the following two email addresses (ochalik@un.org and syyap@un.org).

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of the representatives and alternates to the April coordination and management meeting of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2014 session, containing the names of the participants to all segments.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements for the 2014 session of the Council

Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the 2014 session of the Council.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the Chamber.

Commission on Population and Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft proposals of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chairs-designate, Ms. Nino Shekriladze (Georgia) and Mr. Jens Ole Bach Hansen (Denmark), on behalf of the Chair, His Excellency Gonzalo Koncke (Uruguay), will be held on Friday, 4 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forty-seventh session

The forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 11 April 2014. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2014/1 and E/CN.9/2014/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 1 (CB) on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are *open*. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent from that date, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development), will be held from Monday, 7 April 2014 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2014/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the forty-seventh session of the Commission. The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) in all available official languages.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org *at least two hours in advance* of their designated speaking slot and bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Commission, please *click here.*

Election of the Bureau of the forty-eighth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-seventh session.

Side events

The schedule of side events, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission can be accessed by *clicking here.*

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-eighth session

The twenty-eighth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held from Monday, 28 April, to Friday, 2 May 2014, in Conference Room 2 (CB). The provisional agenda and a note on documentation for the session are contained in documents GEGN/28/1 and GEGN/28/2, respectively. Further information on the session can be obtained on the website of the Group of Experts by *clicking here.*

Members of the Group of Experts and observers wishing to participate in the session are kindly requested to submit the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano, or to the Deputy Secretary, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Mr. Victor Leu, e-mail leu@un.org) with a copy to the Statistics Division, DESA (e-mails blake1@un.org and frani@un.org; room DC2-1678). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Delegations are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the twenty-eighth session of the Group of Experts.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Third session

The third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 28 April to Friday, 9 May 2014, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The first meeting of the third session will begin on Monday, 28 April, at 10:00.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate will be open as of Monday, 7 April 2014. States parties wishing to add the names of their representatives to the list of speakers

before the beginning of the session are invited to contact the secretariat (Mr. Hong Tan (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; room S-3164; fax 1 (917) 367-1767)).

List of participants

States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations are kindly requested to provide information, *in writing*, indicating the composition of their delegations at the session. This information should be sent to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Valère Mantels, Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) (room S-3159, United Nations, New York, NY 10017).

To facilitate the preparation and early distribution of the list of participants, it is requested that the composition of the delegations be made available in electronic format (Microsoft Word format) by e-mail to Ms. Lucia Andaya of the secretariat (e-mail andaya@un.org) *no later than Monday, 7 April 2014*.

PaperSmart arrangements

The session will be PaperSmart. The official documentation of the third session will be available electronically either via the PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) or via the ODA related webpage (*click here*).

There will be limited circulation of hard copies of documents. Delegations are requested to send electronic copies of their statements to papersmart@un.org, at least *two hours* prior to their speaking slot. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart Portal upon delivery. The secretariat requests delegations to provide *only 25 hard copies* of official statements for the technical services.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically. QR Code posters with the PaperSmart Portal link will be put up in the conference room to enable easy access to the Portal via QR Code scanners on devices.

Further information for participants, including registration procedures, the submission of documentation, side events, exhibitions, etc., are contained in the Information Note (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.III/INF/1*) which is also available on the website of the third session of the Preparatory Committee (*click here*).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251, A/68/251/Add.1 and A/68/252.
The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union" (under agenda item 126) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

Thursday, 10 April 2014, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room D (CB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement (on draft final document of the Algiers Ministerial Conference) (on the United Nations Secretariat and Management Reform) (at the expert level)

Friday, 4 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Permanent Mission of Iran (622 Third Avenue, 34th floor).

Non-Aligned Movement (on draft final document of the Algiers Ministerial Conference) (on disarmament) (at the expert level)

Friday, 4 April 2014, from 13:00 to 18:00, in the Permanent Mission of Iran (622 Third Avenue, 34th floor).

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 8 April 2014, from 15:15 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on Development Cooperation Forum Germany High-level Symposium "Accountable and effective development cooperation in a post-2015 era" (organized by the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (OESC/DESA) and the Permanent Mission of Germany)

Friday, 4 April 2014, from 9:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information please *click here*; or contact the Development Cooperation Policy Branch, OESC/DESA (e-mail dcf@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4946).]

High-level interactive debate on "The International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 and Human Progress and Sustainability" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Friday, 4 April 2014, from 9:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Petal Thomas, UNFPA (e-mail pthomas@unfpa.org); or Ms. Lily Tong (e-mail tong@unfpa.org).]

Briefing on the implementation of the new framework for personnel reimbursement to troop- and police-contributing countries; as approved by General Assembly resolution 67/261 (organized by the Department of Field Support (DFS))

Friday, 4 April 2014, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All permanent missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Judith Balasubramaniam, DFS (e-mail judithb@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4182).]

Panel discussion on the draft report entitled "Indicators for Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), in collaboration with the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS))

Friday, 4 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Lauren Barredo, SDSN (e-mail lauren.barredo@unsdsn.org; tel. 1 (212) 870-2776).]

Panel discussion on "Empowering Women in Mine Action" (on the occasion of the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (4 April)) (A/RES/60/97) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan and the United Nations Mine Action Service)

Friday, 4 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Aaron Buckley, United Nations Mine Action Service (e-mail buckleya@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4632).]

Launch of the UNODC Regional Programme for the period 2014-2016, in support of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Crime and Security Strategy (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Monday, 7 April 2014, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register and for further information, please contact Ms. Anne Beckmann, UNODC (e-mail beckmann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5631).]

Panel discussion on "The Implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and the role of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs)" (organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO))

Monday, 7 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration or further information, please contact Ms. Linda Murray, FAO Liaison Office in New York (e-mails murrayl@un.org or fon-registry@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6036).]

Seminar on "International treaty law and practice" (with a focus on the Minamata Convention on Mercury) (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA))

Tuesday, 8 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C (CB); and

Wednesday, 9 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Briefing on the United Nations military transparency instruments: the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and the United Nations Report on Military Expenditures (organized by the Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA))

Tuesday, 8 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All permanent missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hideki Matsuno, ODA (e-mail matsuno@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4037).]

Briefing to Member States on "The launch of dialogues on implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda" (organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), on behalf of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG))

Wednesday 9 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Antje Watermann, UNDP (e-mail antje.watermann@undp.org; tel. 1 (646) 781-4091).]

Panel discussion on "Private companies and sustainable development: A win-win game" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Ghana and Italy)

Wednesday, 9 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Mr. Carlo Annunziata, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail sec.italyun@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5388).]

Special event on "The protection of economic, social and cultural rights: celebrating the first anniversary of the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" (co-organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Permanent Missions of Portugal and Uruguay, on behalf of the Group of Friends to the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights)

Wednesday, 9 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Sofia Machado, Permanent Mission of Portugal (e-mail sofiam@missionofportugal.org; tel. 1 (212) 759-9444, ext. 2915).]

Forum on "Partnering for Efficient Resource Management: Achieving Inclusive and Sustainable Development" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Switzerland and the Philippines and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO))

Thursday, 10 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hiroyuki Ozaki, UNIDO New York Office (e-mail h.ozaki@unido.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5089).]

Launch of the *2014 Economic Report on Africa*, entitled "Dynamic Industrial Policy in Africa; Innovative Institutions, Effective Processes and Flexible Mechanisms" (co-organized by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union)

Friday, 11 April 2014, from 10:00 to 12:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Francois Charlier, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (e-mail charlier@un.org).]

Panel discussion to celebrate the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Albania, Costa Rica, Germany, Montenegro, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain and Thailand, and the International Coalition for the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure)

Monday, 14 April 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration, please contact Ms. Daisy Amornvivat, Permanent Mission of Thailand (e-mail daisy.thaimission@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 133).]

Special event on the occasion of the twentieth commemoration of the Rwanda genocide (organized by Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Rwanda)

Wednesday, 16 April 2014, at 18:15, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. To register, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Martina Donlon, DPI (e-mail donlon@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6816).]

Announcements

United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2014 Fellowship Programme is *Tuesday, 15 April 2014* (Note Verbale ODA/12-2014/FP dated 7 February 2014 refers). Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Palais de Nations (Room S-161) – 1211 Geneva 10 – Switzerland. Nomination form and other attachments can be found at www.un.org/disarmament/fellowship/.

Thirty-fourth meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014)

In response to queries received by the secretariat, delegations from States who are parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are informed that, although the deadline for submission of candidates for the two elections of members of the Human Rights Committee passed on Friday, 21 March 2014, it is still possible for further nominations to be submitted. Late nominations will be presented to the Meeting on Tuesday, 24 June, for confirmation in accordance with the rules of procedure. Unfortunately the Secretariat cannot guarantee that the resumes of candidates nominated late will be available in all official languages in time for the meeting.

To date, the Secretariat has received nine nominations for the nine regular positions on the Committee (regular election) and one nomination for the casual vacancy (by-election). Candidates may be nominated for both elections.

Under articles 33 and 34 of the Covenant, vacancies on the Committee are filled through open elections and nominations of qualified candidates may be submitted by any State Party. There are no formal quotas for regional groups, although geographical distribution of seats is a factor which may be taken into account when nominating candidates. Currently there are four women amongst the eighteen members of the Committee.

Nominations should be sent by the nominating State Party to the Registry of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (e-mail registry@ohchr.org), with a copy to the Secretary of the Human Rights Committee, Ms. Kate Fox (e-mail kfox@ohchr.org) at OHCHR in Geneva. Please state whether the nomination is for the regular election of nine members, the by-election or both.

United Nations Regional Courses in International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their deep appreciation to Australia for providing the necessary voluntary contribution to fund the Regional Course in International Law for Africa to be held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from Monday, 7 April to Friday, 2 May 2014. This generous contribution has made possible this session of the Regional Course.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are also seeking voluntary contributions for the Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean for 2015. The Codification Division would need to receive notification of such voluntary contributions *by Friday, 1 August 2014,* to proceed with plans for such courses in 2015.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division wish to express their appreciation to the one Member State that has made a voluntary contribution in 2014 to support the Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific for 2015, namely, Saudi Arabia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by more than one million people in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs wish to express their appreciation to the ten Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2013, namely, Austria, China, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2014 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

International Law Commission Trust Fund

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of General Assembly 62/66 resolution, the Secretary-General in 2008 established a Trust Fund to accept voluntary contributions so as eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*. Under paragraph 26 of its resolution 68/112, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to Governments that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund and encouraged further contributions to the Trust Fund.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the trust fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent missions. Should additional information be required on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all states parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of states parties will take place in 2014:

Seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (10-12 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fourth meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2014, and extraordinary election to replace one Member of the Committee who resigned (*click here* for general information);

Fifteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (25 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2015 (*click here* for general information); and

Eighteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2014): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against

Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities only should be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; room S-2906)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

For any clarifications on these elections, please see Candiweb, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292). For clarifications regarding the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *not related to the elections*, please contact DESA.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, in room DC2-1142 (or otherwise indicated), for the month of *April:*

Peacekeeping Financing

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Overview of Dag Hammarskjöld Library resources and databases

Introduction to e-Books

Using United Nations Multimedia Resources

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing Library Training Calendar (www.un.libcal.com).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 1 April 2014

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Tenth session

[archived video]

4th meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

Indicative debate on consolidation of focus areas, focusing on possible goals and targets: water and sanitation; sustainable agriculture, food security, and nutrition

The Open Working Group held an interactive exchange of views with Member States and heard statements by the representatives of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Guinea Bissau (on behalf of the Group of African States), Nauru (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), the United Arab Emirates (also on behalf of Cyprus and Singapore), China (also on behalf of Indonesia and Kazakhstan), Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Iceland (on behalf of the Group of Friends on Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought), Zambia (on behalf of Southern African countries), France (also on behalf of Germany and Switzerland), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Ireland (also on behalf of Denmark and Norway), Slovenia (also on behalf of Montenegro), Brazil (also on behalf of Nicaragua), Palau (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States, and also on behalf of Nauru and Papua New Guinea), Croatia (also on behalf of Bulgaria), Romania (also on behalf of Poland), Argentina (also on behalf of Ecuador and the Plurinational State of Bolivia), Guatemala (also on behalf of Colombia), Viet Nam (also on behalf of Bhutan and Thailand), the Netherlands (also on behalf of Australia and the United Kingdom), Mexico (also on behalf of Peru), Canada (also on behalf of Israel and the United States), Italy (also on behalf of Spain and Turkey), Sri Lanka, Burkina Faso, Japan, Belarus, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Egypt, Sweden, Finland, Costa Rica, Qatar, Lebanon, Ethiopia, Jordan, Nigeria and Austria.

Indicative debate on consolidation of focus areas, focusing on possible goals and targets: gender equality and women's empowerment; education; employment and decent work for all; and health and population dynamics

The Open Working Group continued its interactive exchange of views with Member States and heard statements by the representatives of Bulgaria (also on behalf of Croatia), Singapore (also on behalf of Cyprus and the United Arab Emirates), Denmark (also on behalf of Ireland and Norway), Palau, Bangladesh, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, Morocco, Finland, Sweden, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Greece, Austria, Costa Rica, Jordan and Nigeria.

Wednesday, 2 April 2014

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Tenth session

[archived video]

5th meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

Indicative debate on consolidation of focus areas, focusing on possible goals and targets: Economic growth; Industrialization; Infrastructure; and Energy

The Open Working Group held an interactive exchange of views and heard statements by the representatives of Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of African States), Nauru (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Ethiopia (on behalf of the Friends of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development), Canada (also on behalf of Israel and the United States), Zambia (on behalf of Landlocked Developing Countries), Papua New Guinea (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States, also on behalf of Nauru and Palau), Nicaragua (also on behalf of Brazil), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Ireland (also on behalf of Denmark and Norway), Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Montenegro (also on behalf of Slovenia), China (also on behalf of Indonesia and Kazakhstan), Uganda, Australia (also on behalf of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom), Ecuador (also on behalf of Argentina and the Plurinational State of Bolivia), Italy (also on behalf of Spain and Turkey), Guatemala (also on behalf of Colombia), Sweden, Cyprus (also on behalf of Singapore and the United Arab Emirates), France (also on behalf of Germany and Switzerland), Zambia (on behalf of Southern African countries), Bulgaria (also on behalf of Croatia), Peru (also on behalf of Mexico), Maldives and Viet Nam (also on behalf of Bhutan and Thailand).

Indicative debate on consolidation of focus areas, focusing on possible goals and targets: Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment; Education; Employment and Decent Work for All; and Health and Population Dynamics

The Open Working Group heard a statement by the representative of Belarus.

6th meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

Indicative debate on consolidation of focus areas, focusing on possible goals and targets with Major Groups and other Stakeholders

An introductory statement was made by Ms. Sascha Gabizon, the Major Groups facilitator.

Cluster statements were made by the following: Ms. Pooja Parvati, Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (for the major groups of women, and children and youth); Ms. Ranja Sengupta, Third World Network (for the major groups of women, indigenous peoples, and non-governmental organizations); Ms. Daneilla Diz, High Seas Alliance; Mr. John Hontelez, Forest Steward Council (for the major groups of non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples, and women); Ms. Mireia Rozas Simon, nrg4sd (for the major groups of indigenous peoples, children and youth, women, and local authorities); Ms. Eleanor Blomstrom, Women's Environment and Development Organization (for the major groups of non-governmental organizations, women, and

children and youth); Ms. Maria Theresa Nera-Lauron, IBON International, Campaign for People's Goals (for the major groups of women and non-governmental organizations); Mr. John Drexage, International Council on Mining and Metals (for the major group of business and industry); Ms. Bhumika Muchhala, Third World Network; Mr. Pat Mooney, ETC Group (for the major groups of women and non-governmental organizations); Ms. Carmen Capriles, Reacción Climática (for the major groups of women and indigenous peoples): Ms. Grove Harris, Mining Working Group (for the major groups of non-governmental organizations, women, indigenous peoples, and children and youth); Mr. Stephen Chacha, World Society for the Protection of Animals and Food and Agriculture cluster (for the major groups of women, indigenous peoples, and non-governmental organizations); Ms. Naomi Godden, Gender, Leadership and Social Sustainability Research (for the major groups of women, children and youth, local authorities, and non-governmental organizations); Ms. Antonia Wulff, Education International (for the major groups of children and youth, women, non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples, and workers and trade unions); Ms. Rosa Lizarde, Feminist Task Force (for the major groups of women, workers and trade unions, children and youth, and indigenous peoples); Ms. Sarah Gold, International Women Health Coalition (for the major groups of women, indigenous peoples, and children and youth); and Mr. Fabio Palacio, ATD Fourth World Network (for the major groups of children and youth, and women).

Constituency-based statements were made by the representatives of the following major groups: women; children and youth; indigenous peoples; non-governmental organizations; local authorities; workers and trade unions; business and industry.

A statement was also made by Ms. Helen Hamlin, on behalf of Ageing Peoples.

Indicative debate on consolidation of focus areas, focusing on possible goals and targets: Economic growth; Industrialization; Infrastructure; and Energy

The Open Working Group continued its interactive exchange of views and heard statements by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Japan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Poland, Belarus, Romania, Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, Paraguay, the Russian Federation, Lebanon and Costa Rica.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Co-Chair (Hungary).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notifications under article 4 (3): Peru (2 April 2014)

Arms Trade Treaty. New York, 2 April 2013

Ratification: Bulgaria (2 April 2014)

Ratification: Croatia (2 April 2014)

Approval: Denmark (2 April 2014)

Provisional application under article 23: Denmark (2 April 2014)

Territorial exclusion: Denmark (2 April 2014)

Ratification: El Salvador (2 April 2014)

Approval: Estonia (2 April 2014)

Provisional application under article 23: Estonia (2 April 2014)

Ratification: Finland (2 April 2014)

Provisional application under article 23: Finland (2 April 2014)

Ratification: France (2 April 2014)

Ratification: Germany (2 April 2014)

Provisional application under article 23: Germany (2 April 2014)

Ratification: Hungary (2 April 2014)

Provisional application under article 23: Hungary (2 April 2014)

Ratification: Ireland (2 April 2014)

Ratification: Italy (2 April 2014)

Ratification: Latvia (2 April 2014)

Provisional application under article 23: Latvia (2 April 2014)

Ratification: Malta (2 April 2014)

Ratification: Romania (2 April 2014)

Ratification: Slovakia (2 April 2014)

Provisional application under article 23: Slovakia (2 April 2014)

Ratification: Slovenia (2 April 2014)

Ratification: Spain (2 April 2014)

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2 April 2014)

Provisional application under article 23: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2 April 2014)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *April 2014* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
His Excellency Macharia Kamau

Asia-Pacific States:
Turkey
His Excellency Y. Halit Çevik

Eastern European States:
Belarus
His Excellency Andrei Dapkiunas

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
Her Excellency María Emma Mejía Vélez

Western European and other States:
Netherlands
His Excellency Karel Jan Gustaaf van Oosterom

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

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possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room S-0220).

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All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

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Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal of the United Nations*, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps. These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to dgacm-feedback@un.org.

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